



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Directorate C - Scientific Opinions

C3 - Management of scientific committees II; scientific co-operation and networks

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 133RD SCAN PLENARY MEETING (BRUSSELS, 06 DECEMBER 2000)

(APPROVED ON 24-25 JANUARY 2001)

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES

The Commission welcomed and congratulated the members of the 8th Scientific Committee on Animal Nutrition (SCAN). Members not available for the meeting were apologised.

Members as well as Commission representatives were invited to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was presented by the Secretariat and approved by the Committee.

3. INTRODUCTION BY THE COMMISSION SERVICES

The Commission recalled the principles governing the Scientific Committees established by Commission Decision in 1997, excellence, independence and transparency and informed the Committee on the progress in the establishment of a European Food Authority.

4. BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SCAN

Members were given a dossier including general background administrative information.

In addition, the Secretariat presented the role of the SCAN in the framework of the Community legislation, explained the way questions are submitted to the Committee by the Commission, how they are handled by the Committee, and gave some examples of questions currently or recently addressed by the Committee.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND TWO VICE-CHAIRPERSONS

In accordance with the rules of procedures, the Commission chaired the election as well as the beginning of the meeting until the election of the chairperson.

Mr G. Bories was invited by several members of the Committee to apply as Chairman. He informed the Commission that he was prepared to assume the tasks of Chairman as well as of member of the Scientific Steering Committee. There was no other candidate.

The Committee decided unanimously to waive the rules of secrecy for the vote. Mr. Bories, previous Chairman of the Committee, was elected unanimously by the 17 members of the Committee present.

The meeting was then chaired by Mr Bories and continued with the election of the Vice-Chairpersons.

Several members applied for the post of Vice-Chairpersons: Prof. A. Anadón, Dr A. Chesson, Prof. J. Gropp and Dr P. Wester. All applicants formally accepted to assume the tasks of Vice-Chairman as well as to replace the Chairman, when necessary, in the Scientific Steering Committee meetings.

The vote was secret and in writing. It started with the election of the 1st Vice-Chairman. Dr A. Chesson and Prof. J. Gropp were retained after the first round. Dr A. Chesson was elected by the majority of the members of the Committee after the second round.

For the vote for the 2nd Vice Chairman, among the previous applicants, Prof. J. Gropp and Dr P. Wester were retained after the first round. As none of them could obtain the majority of the members of the Committee after two additional rounds, both agreed to choose one single candidate between them randomly. Dr P. Wester remained then the only candidate for the post of 2nd Vice-Chairman. The Committee decided to waive unanimously the secrecy of the vote and Dr P. Wester was elected unanimously 2nd Vice-Chairman by the Committee.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, ANNUAL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The Secretariat explained the rules on declaration of interest as well as on confidentiality of the debates within SCAN Working Group as well as in plenary meetings. No conflict of interests with the items proposed for discussion were declared. Declarations on confidentiality and annual declaration of interest were collected during the meeting. Members absent will be requested to provide them.

7. RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Committee went through its Rules of Procedure. They were amended with regard to the minority opinions, in order that, as a matter of transparency, members expressing minority opinions be always identified in the relevant SCAN opinion, and were adopted accordingly.

8. WORKING PROGRAMME

The Secretariat briefly presented the possible questions to be expected in connection with the Council Directive 70/524/EEC. New questions and mandates should be submitted to the Committee early 2001.

9. STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING GROUP

The composition of the Working Groups was not discussed in detail. The Secretariat will provide a list of the current questions put to the Committee together with the composition of the relevant Working Groups.

The Secretariat presented the creation of a Working Group dedicated to the Genetically Modified Organisms involving experts of three Scientific Committees: Food, Plant and Animal Nutrition. Such a group should enable to pool the expertise on the subject and to allow an harmonised approach in the field. Some members of the Committee expressed their interest in participating to that Group and will therefore join it.

10. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2001

The Committee agreed to meet on the following dates in 2001

- Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 January
- Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 March
- Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May
- Tuesday 03 and Wednesday 04 July
- Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 October
- Monday 03 and Tuesday 04 December

11. MISCELLANEOUS

Some Committee members requested that the items of the agenda referring to information given by members or the Chairman on their activities with other Scientific Committees be discussed more extensively than in the past. In order to allow sufficient time to these items, it was agreed to discuss them during the plenaries, at the very beginning of the second day of meeting.

Annex: Attendance

Members:

Prof. Arturo ANADÓN
Prof. Diana ANDERSON
Prof. Dr. Carlo BERETTA
Ing. Georges BORIES
Dr Joaquim BRUFAU
Prof. Maria de los Angeles CALVO TORRAS
Dr Andrew CHESSON
Prof. Gerhard FLACHOWSKY
Prof. Dr Jürgen GROPP
Prof. Jean-François GUILLOT
Dr Ingrid Halle
Prof. Josef LEIBETSEDER
Prof. Gianfranco PIVA
Mr Derek RENSHAW
Mr Kristen SEJRSEN
Dr Pieter WESTER
Dr Atte VON WRIGHT

Apologies:

Ing. Louis Aimé AUMAITRE
Dr Anne-Katrine Lundebye HALDORSEN

For the Commission:

DG Health and Consumer Protection:

Mrs M. Duboile (Management of the scientific committees II)
Mr E. Thévenard (Management of the scientific committees II)
Mr A. Verleysen (Management of the scientific committees II)
Mr M. Walsh (Management of the scientific committees II)